

Iowa Farm Bureau Presents:
2018 Young Farmer Gate to Plate Tour

Join other young farmers in a fun and educational tour of farms in Wisconsin with a focus on farm families that have found ways to add value to the products they raise. **A tentative agenda for the tour is as follows:**

Friday, June 29, 2018

- 6:00 AM Depart from Iowa Farm Bureau, 5400 University Avenue, West Des Moines
- 8:00 AM Depart from Clear Lake, IA.
Park in the east gravel lot of the Best Western Holiday Lodge, 2023 7th Ave N
Members parking overnight: go into hotel and fill out an information sheet.
- 12:15 PM Lunch at Norske Nook, Rice Lake, WI
Norske Nook's restaurant and bakery menu features a blend of Norwegian food and American comfort food favorites.
- 2:00 PM Tour and Tasting at Perlick Distillery, Sarona, WI
The Perlick Family purchased a small farm in the Northwoods of Wisconsin in 1920. Five generations have now had the pleasure of working that same land and now grow and distill the fine alcohols produced on the farm.
- 5:00 PM Tour and Supper at Northstar Bison Rice Lake, WI
The Northstar Ranch owned by the Graese family is the largest distributor of grass-fed buffalo meat in the US. The ranch consists of 1,200 acres of grasslands where approximately 600 bison are grazed. In 2005, the team added their own processing facility and market fresh, frozen and processed bison products direct, through restaurants, grocery stores and their ranch store.

Overnight accommodations at AmericInn Rice Lake, WI. (715-234-9060)

Saturday, June 30, 2018

- Continental Breakfast
- 7:30 AM Departure from hotel, Check out prior to departure
- 9:00 AM Tour and Lunch at Marieke Goude Dairy, Thorp, WI
Three times per day 350 cows are milked to produce hand-crafted, award-winning cheese. View the dairy and learn about the story of this fascinating farm with direct connections to Holland!
- 2:00 PM Browse and shop Nelson Cheese Factory
The founders of the Nelson Cheese Factory made cheese for over 100 years. While they no longer make cheese, the offerings have been expanded to include wines, cheese from Wisconsin and around the world, and a gourmet selection of packaged foods, ice cream cones, sandwiches, soups and salads.
- 6:00 PM Approximate arrival at Best Western Holiday Lodge, Clear Lake, IA
- 8:00 PM Approximate arrival at Iowa Farm Bureau, 5400 University Avenue, West Des Moines

Participant fee is only \$75 per person; spouses are encouraged to participate.

For more information and to register for the trip, please go to goo.gl/F1mVay

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